

D-3. Employment status of the civilian noninstitutional population 25 years and over by educational attainment, seasonally adjusted

(Numbers in thousands)

Educational attainment	2005		2006				2007				2008		
	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III	IV	I	II	III
Less than a high school diploma													
Civilian labor force	12,940	12,549	12,635	12,846	12,794	12,760	12,954	12,343	12,127	12,217	12,163	12,131	12,175
Participation rate	46.3	45.6	46.2	45.8	46.5	46.8	47.1	45.6	46.9	46.8	46.2	45.6	47.4
Employed	11,938	11,628	11,748	11,944	11,929	11,953	12,049	11,493	11,263	11,297	11,223	11,130	11,050
Employment-population ratio	42.7	42.3	43.0	42.6	43.4	43.8	43.8	42.4	43.5	43.3	42.6	41.8	43.0
Unemployed	1,003	921	887	901	865	808	905	849	864	920	940	1,000	1,126
Unemployment rate	7.7	7.3	7.0	7.0	6.8	6.3	7.0	6.9	7.1	7.5	7.7	8.2	9.2
High school graduates, no college ¹													
Civilian labor force	38,176	38,321	37,989	38,493	38,447	38,490	38,564	38,255	38,619	38,725	38,131	38,140	38,519
Participation rate	63.7	63.4	62.5	63.4	63.5	63.2	62.6	62.7	63.1	62.8	62.6	62.7	63.0
Employed	36,343	36,532	36,344	36,844	36,760	36,870	36,945	36,635	36,894	36,951	36,302	36,205	36,318
Employment-population ratio	60.7	60.5	59.8	60.6	60.7	60.5	60.0	60.1	60.3	59.9	59.6	59.5	59.4
Unemployed	1,832	1,789	1,645	1,649	1,688	1,621	1,619	1,620	1,725	1,774	1,830	1,935	2,202
Unemployment rate	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.8	5.1	5.7
Some college or associate degree													
Civilian labor force	35,060	35,251	35,672	35,123	35,362	35,450	35,168	36,005	36,064	36,283	36,492	36,768	36,707
Participation rate	72.0	72.0	72.3	72.6	71.9	72.1	72.0	72.6	71.7	71.7	72.2	72.2	71.5
Employed	33,780	33,887	34,380	33,831	34,079	34,250	33,899	34,741	34,774	35,006	35,138	35,252	34,951
Employment-population ratio	69.3	69.2	69.7	69.9	69.3	69.7	69.4	70.0	69.1	69.2	69.5	69.2	68.1
Unemployed	1,280	1,364	1,292	1,292	1,283	1,200	1,269	1,264	1,290	1,277	1,354	1,516	1,756
Unemployment rate	3.7	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.4	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.5	3.7	4.1	4.8
Bachelor's degree and higher ²													
Civilian labor force	41,393	41,711	41,802	42,204	42,735	43,295	43,670	43,924	44,391	44,304	45,097	44,956	45,231
Participation rate	77.9	77.9	78.2	77.7	77.8	78.0	78.5	77.9	77.4	77.6	78.3	78.0	77.5
Employed	40,460	40,776	40,887	41,310	41,897	42,485	42,818	43,074	43,484	43,344	44,145	43,976	44,082
Employment-population ratio	76.2	76.2	76.4	76.0	76.2	76.6	77.0	76.4	75.8	75.9	76.6	76.3	75.5
Unemployed	933	935	914	894	838	809	852	850	906	959	952	980	1,149
Unemployment rate	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.5

¹ Includes persons with a high school diploma or equivalent.

² Includes persons with bachelor's, master's, professional, and doctoral degrees.

NOTE: Updated population controls are introduced annually with the release of January data.